

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: **Lawson L**

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the Interim Study Committee on Education Matters the topic of requiring Indiana school corporations to include dating violence as part of their health education curriculum for grades 7 through 12.

Whereas, thirteen percent of teenage girls who said they have been in a relationship report being physically hurt or hit by their partner; and

Whereas, nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend had threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a break-up; and

Whereas, nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationships continue to date abusers; and

Whereas, of the women between the ages 15-19 murdered each year, 30% are killed by their husbands or boyfriends; and



Whereas, one in three teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked, or physically hurt by their partner; and

Whereas, less than 25% of teens say they have discussed dating violence with their parents; and

Whereas, only half of all tweens (age 11-14) claim to know the warning signs of a bad or hurtful relationship; and

Whereas, including study of dating violence in the health education curriculum for 7 through 12 in Indiana schools could help avert dating violence in young Hoosiers; therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the legislative council to assign to the Interim Study Committee on Education Matters the topic of requiring Indiana school corporations to include dating violence as part of their health education curriculum for grades 7 through 12.

